

# **Commerce Update**

## **Revenue Laws Study Committee**

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# Merger Objectives

- Improve customer service for:
  - employers seeking employees
  - employees seeking work
- Implement merger with minimum impact on customers.
- Consolidate and improve workforce development efforts.
- Leverage labor market data to enhance economic development.
- Maximize savings in state and federal resources.

# Merger Implementation

- Continue transition from the strategic aspects of the merger to tactical aspects within:
  - Workforce Development / Employment Services
  - Policy Research Strategic Planning / Labor Market Info
  - Human Resources
  - Financial Management

# Workforce Development / Employment Services Activity

- Roger Shackleford has been named to lead the consolidated workforce development efforts for Commerce
- Oversight Team continues to steer implementation of the merger of the Workforce Development and Employment Services.
- 5 workgroups formed focusing on 5 key merger goals.
  - Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Integration
  - Programs and Policies Integration
  - Technology Integration
  - Staff Development and Training
  - Brand Development for Integrated Services
- Workgroups consist of close to seventy (70) representatives of state and local staff, state and local partner representation, stakeholder representation, and content experts.
- Final recommendations by mid-February.

# Policy Research Strategic Planning / Labor Market Info Activity

- Stephanie McGarrah has been named to lead efforts to leverage labor market data to enhance economic development.
- 5 teams have been formed focusing on:
  - Bureau of Labor Statistics Programs
  - Economic Analysis
  - Occupational and Policy Analysis
  - Workforce Research and Evaluation
  - Information Delivery

# Status of Contracts & Savings Achievement

- Study of UI Debt and Trust Fund Solvency is currently in review stage of procurement process.
- Budget reductions required by current appropriations act have been achieved:
  - \$251,376 in FY 11-12
  - \$377,064 in FY 12-13